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SUBJ: APRIL NARCOTICS WRAP-UP

SUMMARY: DESPITE ONE UNUSUALLY LARGE NARCOTICS ARREST DURING APRIL, THE GENERAL LEVEL OF SUCH ACTIVITIES REMAINED MODERATE.

1. BIG HAUL: ON APRIL 12, AN ESTIMATED \$15.5 MILLION CARGO OF HASHISH FROM MOROCCO WAS SEIZED BY BAHAMIAN POLICE OFFICIALS ACTING IN COOPERATION WITH THE US DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THE HASHISH WAS ABOARD A US-OWNED, PANAMIAN-REGISTERED VESSEL, THE "SEA TRADER". THE VESSEL HAD BECOME DISABLED ABOUT 800 MILES EAST OF THE FLORIDA COAST AND WAS ESCORTED BY THE US COAST GUARD TO THE NEAREST SAFE ANCHORAGE, GREAT HARBOUR CAY IN THE BAHAMAS. DEA HAD BEEN TIPPED-OFF TO THE NATURE OF THE CARGO, AND DEA AGENTS WERE WAITING WITH BAHAMIAN POLICE WHEN THE "SEA TRADER" ARRIVED. ABOARD THEY FOUND FIFTY SACKS OF HASHISH WITH, POLICE SAY PRIVATELY, SMALL AMOUNTS OF "HARDER" DRUGS. THE SIX MEN CREWING THE VESSEL WERE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE AND ARE AWAITING TRIAL IN NASSAU, WHERE THEY QUICKLY ACQUIRED EXPENSIVE LEGAL COUNSEL RETAINED BY AN UNKNOWN SOURCE. THE NAMES OF THE SIX ARE FOUND IN NASSAU 712. A BOND OF \$50,000 HAS BEEN SET FOR THE VESSEL, BUT NONE WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE TO THE CREW.

2. MARIJUANA IN COFFIN (CONCLUSION): PREVIOUS NASSAU WRAP-UPS HAVE RELATED THE STORY OF THE MARIJUANA WHICH A LOCAL UNDERTAKER AND A REAL ESTATE SALESMAN ATTEMPTED TO SMUGGLE IN FROM JAMAICA IN ONE OF THE FORMER'S COFFINS. IN MARCH THE REAL ESTATE MAN WAS RELUCTANTLY FREED WHEN IT WAS LEARNED THAT, ALTHOUGH BAHAMIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAD BEEN TOLD OF THE COFFIN'S CONTENTS BY AN INFORMER, THEY INADVERTENTLY LET HIM PICK IT UP AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE IT HAD EVER BEEN OPENED BY THEM. BY THE TIME POLICE TRACKED THE COFFIN DOWN, IT CONTAINED ONLY TRACES OF THE WEED. TWO WEEKS AGO, THE MOONLIGHTING UNDERTAKER WAS FINED \$150 OR FOUR MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF THOSE TRACES, ALTHOUGH HE PLEADED COMPLETE NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHEME.

3. A TOTAL OF 12 US CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING DRUGS DURING APRIL.
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